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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1828

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Punch card ballots.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that punch card voting systems may not be used in an Indiana election after December 31, 2003.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Counties could reduce expenditures by eliminating paper ballot printing required for punch card balloting systems. Printing averages between twenty and forty cents per ballot.

Based on county election data collected in December 2000, approximately 7,800 punch card ballot systems exist in the 35 counties that vote using punch cards. The bill would require these counties to either lease or purchase ballot systems that are approved for use by the Indiana Election Commission. The following table illustrates the current alternative voting systems that are currently approved by the Commission.

Manufacture/Model	Type	Cost per unit
ESS/OPTECH 3-P	Optical Scan	\$5,500
Micro Vote/MV464	Direct Recording Electronic	\$4,450
GBS/Accuvote ES-2000	Optical Scan	\$5,000

Optical scan systems require paper ballots. The average cost of an optical scan ballot was thirty cents in CY

2000.

The estimated cost for the replacement of punch card machines by either optical scan, DRV, or a combination of the two systems in the punch card counties could be \$10.4 M to \$19.3 M, including ballot printing costs in counties choosing optical scan systems. Individual county expenditures would depend on the replacement voting system chosen.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: Punch card voting counties.

Information Sources: Indiana Election Division; Rob McGinnis, Election Systems and Software (317) 913-0230; Steve Corey, Government Business Systems, 1-800-659-1516; Steve Shamo, Micro Vote, (317) 257-4900.